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Public Service Commission of S.C.
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: SCE&G rate increase request

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to strongly protest any proposed increase in SCE&G's rates. The present rate is ridiculous and the company's present rate should actually be decreased to a level that is equal to or only slightly above the average rates of power companies in the southeast. We are in the most depressed economic times of the last 50 years. Families and businesses are hurting badly.

My average bill at home has risen to almost double in the last 8 years even though I constantly monitor all of the appliances, heat, a/c and have above average insulation.

Our weather in the last 2 years has shown severe heat spells as well as cold, which should have allowed SCE&G to make above average profits. If they have not, it is my belief that they should look in the mirror to see where they are under performing in regards to costs.

Please do not just transfer the rate request and shift the increases to businesses, small businesses are hurting as badly, likely worse, than the average residential household.

Please, this company's rates are much higher than their utility counterparts in the Southeast and you commissioners, as good stewards for the people of South Carolina should meet SCE&G's request with a resounding **'no, change your way of operating, we are cutting your rates by 15%'**.

Again, please stand up to this outrage and do what is right for your fellow South Carolinians. Tell them no more.

Sincerely,

Tom Wingard